

**2007
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Related to Education**

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This table includes enrolled bills signed by the Governor that address educational issues.

Note: Additional, detailed guidance to the field is forthcoming on many of these bills.

Enrolled Bill Number	Brief Title	Description
HF 158	Lead Screening by the age of 6	Requires all children to have a lead screening by the age of 6. Several waiver situations possible. Makes the notification of the completion of a screening a condition of school enrollment after the age of 6.
HF 317	DE Bill – Fiscal “Phase II” visits.	If a school district has two consecutive years of negative unspent balance, the School Budget Review Committee has the authority to recommend that the State Board consider conducting a “Phase II” visit to the school district based on fiscal problems.
HF 396	Empowerment Statute adjustments	Allows local empowerment areas to use certain funds for three-year-olds as well as 4- and 5-year-olds. Complementary bill to HF 877 – the 4 year old preschool bill.
HF 468	Study – School district “Project Easier” software	Compels the Department to study the feasibility and potential cost savings, if any, of reducing the number of approved software system vendors for local schools to use to communicate with Project EASIERr from the current 14 to one or several.
HF 611	Changes to Human Growth and Development curricula	Requires the Department of Education to compile age-appropriate and research-based materials related to sexual health literacy and human growth and development. School districts and accredited nonpublic schools must use these resources to upgrade local human growth and development curricula and programming. School districts must inform parents and the community of content provided within this local programming.
HF 615	Changes to Board of Educational Examiners membership	Adds a member to the Board of Educational Examiners. Ensures the Director of the Department of Education is a specific position on the BOEE. Ensures that the two public positions are filled by members of the public.
HF 618	HS Students to work elections	Permits high school students to be election workers under certain circumstances.

Enrolled Bill Number	Brief Title	Description
<u>HF 787</u>	Federal Block Grant approval	Creates state authority to disburse federal dollars for a variety of programs.
<u>HF 790</u>	Association Group Health Care Plans	Allows for the creation of additional small business group health plans.
<u>HF 808</u>	Adjustments to 28E contracting provisions	Adds additional accountability provisions to the existing IC 28E contracting expectations
<u>HF 829</u>	Targeted Industries – “Batelle” bill	Creates funding to promote job growth in advanced manufacturing, biotechnologies, and information technology. Includes a provision for additional funding for professional development for an AEA to provide support in STEM areas.
<u>HF 877</u>	DE Bill - Voluntary statewide access to quality 4 year old preschool programming	Establishes a statewide quality 4 year old preschool program. Additional guidance is forthcoming. RFP for potential grantees will be available the first week in June.
<u>HF 906</u>	Dental Screening by the age of 6	Requires all children to have a dental screening by the age of 6. Several waiver situations possible. Makes the notification of the completion of a screening a condition of school enrollment after the age of 6.
<u>HF 907</u>	Health Iowans Tobacco Trust appropriation	See bill summary at the end of this table for details.
<u>HF 909</u>	Human Services appropriation	See bill summary at the end of this table for details.
<u>HF 911</u>	Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund appropriation	See bill summary at the end of this table for details.
<u>SF 61</u>	Antibullying and Antiharassment Policy	Creates specific protections for sexual orientation. Requires districts to amend local policies, includes data tracking.
<u>SF 109</u>	4 % allowable growth for FY09	Establishes the allowable growth rate at 4% for FY09.
<u>SF 128</u>	Cigarette Tax Increase	Increases the revenue generated by tax on tobacco products.
<u>SF 277</u>	DE Bill - Educator Quality/Teacher Pay Increase	See bill summary at the end of this table for details. Additional guidance forthcoming.
<u>SF 358</u>	Community College Continuing Education for Used Car Dealers	Creates statewide continuing education for used car dealers through the community college system.

Enrolled Bill Number	Brief Title	Description
<u>SF 403</u>	FY07 Supplemental appropriations	See bill summary at the end of this table for details.
<u>SF 427</u>	Add sexual orientation to Civil Rights law	Creates specific protection for sexual orientation in Iowa Civil Rights Law.
<u>SF 447</u>	DE Bill – School District Sharing Incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstates whole grade sharing incentives and reorganization incentives • Creates operational sharing incentives • Mandates a statewide study of efficiencies and sharing to be provided to the Legislature January 2008. Additional guidance is forthcoming.
<u>SF 562</u>	Economic Growth Appropriation	See bill summary at the end of this table for details.
<u>SF 588</u>	Education Appropriation	See bill summary at the end of this table for details.
<u>SF 601</u>	Standing Appropriation	See bill summary at the end of this table for details.
<u>SR 39</u>	Individuals with Disabilities Week	Designates the 3 rd week in October as a week to recognize the contributions of individuals with disabilities. Requests the Department of Education to promote school support for this issue and designation.

Summary of Budget Bills that include Education issues – SF 562, 588, 601; HF 829, 907, 909, 911

Funding

- Empowerment funding - \$23,781,594 – same as FY07
- Empowerment Early Childhood funding - \$10,000,000 – reduction of \$5 million from FY07
- Nonpublic textbooks - \$664,165 - \$25,545 above FY07
- Community College funding - \$171,962,414 - \$12,383,170 over FY07
- Nonpublic transportation - \$8,604,714 – same as FY07
- Community College funds for ADA compliance - \$200,000 to Iowa Western CC only
- Vocational Education salaries - \$553,758 – same as FY07
- School Food Service - \$2,509,683 – same as FY07
- Vocational Education Programming - \$2,936,904 – same as FY07
- Educational Excellence program - \$55,469,053 – same as FY07
- JAG - \$600,000 – same as FY07
- State Library - \$1,801,761 – \$335,000 above FY07
- Library Service Areas - \$1,586,000 – \$209,442 above FY07
- Enrich Iowa Libraries - \$1,823,432 – \$125,000 above FY07
- Early Intervention/Class Size - \$29,250,000 – same as FY07
- Shared Visions program - \$12,606,196 – \$1,335,196 above FY07
- Department of Education administration - \$7,919,382 – \$2,000,000 and 10 FTE above FY07 (Includes \$1.5 million for expansion of Model Core Curriculum)
- Instructional Support levy - \$14,428,271 – same as FY07
- School Foundation Aid - \$2,149,352,359 – \$101,009,496 above FY07
- IPTV - \$9,813,174 - \$398,047 above FY07
- Vocational Agriculture Youth Organization - \$50,000 – same as FY07
- Before/After school grant program - \$1,000,000 - \$850,000 over FY07
- IDEA Part C (0-3 years) services - \$1,721,400 – new

- Early Head Start Pilots - \$400,000 – new
- Voluntary statewide access to quality 4 year old preschool programming - \$15,000,000 – new
- New Administrator Mentoring and Induction - \$250,000 – same as FY07
- Statewide Education Data Warehouse - \$1,000,000 – new
- Belin-Blank Center - \$400,000 – new
- Student Achievement Strategies Pilots - \$2,500,000 – new
- Educator Quality - \$173,943,894 - \$69,600,000 above FY07
- District Sharing and Efficiencies Study - \$400,000 – new
- Community College Salary enhancements - \$2,000,000 – new
- Math/Science Education Grant - \$200,000 – new

Other Items

- Reduced the cut to AEAs from \$8,000,000 to \$5,250,000

Policy issues included in the bills

- Supplemental Strategies and Educational Services Grants – new
 - Grants for 07-08 – RFP under development
 - Participating districts create a student advancement policy
 - K-5 students not proficient receive additional supports
 - 6-8 students not passing courses must satisfy basic course requirements before entering next level
- Before and After School Grants
 - Expanded program started last year
 - Before/After school program grants for 07-08 – RFP under development
- Core content standards and Model Core Curriculum expansion
 - Grants authority to the State Board of Education to adopt statewide core content standards in reading, mathematics, and science, but the adopted standards must align to the standards submitted to the US Department of Education in Iowa's NCLB accountability plan
 - Provides resources to expand the Model Core Curriculum to grades K-8 and including Social Studies and 21st Century Learning Skills (civic literacy, health literacy, technology literacy, financial literacy, and employability skills).

- Reconnects 8th grade planning requirements to Model Core Curriculum
- Study – Community College Faculty Plan Work Group – studying the implementation and quality of community college faculty plans
- ICN Course supplemental weighting – guidance forthcoming
 - Allows courses via ICN to generate supplemental weighting
 - Funding a year in arrears, courses count next year, funding generated the following year
- Changes to drive education expectations – the burden to provide driver education now resides with the receiving district in an open enrollment situation, not the resident district.
- Provides for five pilots of the Spanish Language Reading Recovery program
- Teaching Assignments – requires both the teacher and the administrator to ensure that courses taught are supported by an appropriate license or endorsement. Failure to address this issue could become an ethics violation and is open to investigation by the BOEE
- Requires school districts to review existing discipline policies and procedures to ensure that specific components are addressed by the policy.
- HF 909 – requires school districts to release free and reduced lunch lists to Hawk-I to ensure that qualified families have information about the Hawk-I program.
- Farm to School Program – facilitates the inclusion of locally grown produce into school lunch programs.
- Student Teacher Program Liability – ensures that liability coverage is extended to teacher preparation program students participating in off-site programming like practicum and student teaching.
- Compels the Department of Education and the University of Northern Iowa to begin discussions about the blending of governance between the entities of the Price Lab School.
- Property Tax Interim Committee – creates an interim committee to study and recommend changes to property tax structures.

Summary of Educator Quality SF 277

Note: Additional, detailed guidance for the field is forthcoming on all of these issues.

- Student Achievement/Teacher Quality program - \$173,943,894 – \$69,600,000 above FY07
 - This funding includes \$20,000,000 for Professional Development
 - Prior bill language relating to the equivalent of one additional PD day and Pot 2 is stricken
 - \$250,000 for new administrator mentoring and induction
 - \$1.8 for Teacher Development Academy expansion
 - \$4.4 million for teacher mentoring and induction programs
 - \$1 million for Career Ladder/Pay for Performance Pilot Planning Grants
 - \$3.3 million for market factor pay
- Student Achievement/Teacher Quality policy changes:
 - Ends the National Board Teacher stipend program effective December 31, 2007. Those awardees in the program prior to that time will continue to receive their stipend until complete.
 - Counselors and Nurses now mandated. Can only waive requirements for teacher librarians, counselors, or nurses for 07-08, at which point, staff must be in place.
 - Increases the minimum salary thresholds by \$1000
 - Broadens the market factor teacher salary program
 - Administrator Quality, including statewide Standards for School Leaders, professional development plans for all administrators, and standards-based administrator evaluation.
 - Requires school districts to perform background checks on all teachers new to the district and the profession
 - Broadens the definition of “teacher” to include all LEA and AEA non-administrative staff licensed by the BOEE or provided a bachelor’s degree or higher statement of professional recognition by the BOEE.
 - Removes all references to Team-based Variable Pay Pilots
 - Requires a district-level Teacher Quality Committees with oversight responsibility of all aspects of Teacher Quality statute (Market Factor Pay - recommendation only)
 - Requires building-level PD plans
 - Includes several adjustments to bargaining/agreement language including changes to Intensive Assistance programs

Policy issues line-item vetoed (these items will not happen as a result of these vetoes)

- Mandate to implement a statewide Career Ladder system in three years.

Other Bills of Interest

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1. HF 877 – 4 year old preschool bill

Details, specific guidance is forthcoming. The rules related to this programming will be noticed by the State Board on May 29. The RFP for potential school district applicants will be available the first week in June.

Implementation Steps	Projected Dates
Bill Signed	May 10
Advisory Stakeholder Rules Meeting (Diverse stakeholder group provide input for development of the rules)	May 9
State Board of Education Meeting – Overview process and content of the Voluntary Statewide Preschool Program for Four-Year- Olds legislation	May 10
State Board of Education Meeting – Notice of Intended Action and Adoption of Emergency Rules	May 29
DE Website posting of Rules for public comment	June 1
Application and directions available (see posting on DE Website with information that Letters of Intent due June 15)	June 1

School Leader Update	June 1
Broadcast statewide ICN to review legislation and the application process (not an interactive ICN; an FAQ document will be available on DE Website)	June 5 (9:00-10:30)
Letters of Intent due (districts submit Letter of Intent; form available on DE Website)	June 15
Train readers for applications submitted	June 28
Head Start Summits for Collaboration Guidance in 4 to 6 regions of state	June 4-15
Applications due to Department of Education	July 2
Committee Reads Applications	July 9
ICN Public Hearing of Rules for public comment	July 10
DE Determination of Application Awards	July 16
DE Notify All Applicants of Awards	July 17
Voluntary Statewide Preschool Program	July 25
Governor's Summit for those districts awarded first year funding	
Contracts issued (potentially)	Sept
Districts begin preschool programs (to assure certified enrollment count)	Prior to and no later than Oct 1, 2007

Information that is more detailed is available on the Department's web site at <https://www.edinfo.state.ia.us/web/legisupdate.asp>. The Department of Education is always interested in your feedback. If you have an interest describing possible legislative issues that should be addressed next session, have specific feedback on this document, or simply have questions related to legislation or policy, please contact the Department's legislative liaison Jeff Berger at 515-281-3399 or jeff.berger@iowa.gov.